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NEWS SUMMARY.

Foreign.—French-China war in great likelihood of settling down to work. Mexico's debt only \$16,000,000. Hawaiian, orson, off for Australia. Crown Prince Frederick William to visit Spain. Insurance in Serbia continues. Proprietor of "Judy" held for libel. Good enough if it will stop his stale jokes. Luther celebrations in many places in Europe. New York dynamites supposed to have caused the late explosions. France says she will have none of our mediation in Tongkin; go it! That's the style of those French roosters. Bismarck has the jaundice; everybody blue when he is yellow. Papal Nuncio to come to United States.

Domestic.—General Hazen testifies about the "Proteus." Randall, Carlisle and Sunset Cox running for Speakership. Fenardent-Cesola libel case still exciting interest. Standard Oil Co. to be investigated by Pennsylvania Legislature; hope they will have full pockets, and a good time as usual; nothing like a big investigation for fees and excursions. Brockway, the most dangerous of our forgers and counterfeiters, has been finally trapped by the detectives; this will be the stock in trade of several novels, of course. Gen. Sherman spoke at St. Louis. Dr. J. Marion Sims dead. Republicans lively in New York City. Heavy storms in the West. Bridge cars to be heated; bottle up the sweat works! the delays and there will be plenty of stored-up heat. Mr. Choate, of Woodside, shoots a burglar with complete success; man dead. Cigarmakers on strike; need to backer up or the strike won't pay for winter wraps. N. P. R. R. gives up its California trade; snow joke you know. Sermons and addresses on Luther; Dr. W. M. Taylor and Phillips Brooks speak at Academy of Music, New York. Mr. aged twenty-one, plus 100, dies in Minnesota; probably in a state of reduced animation for many years; another in North Carolina, at 116, marries a woman of twenty-seven. Zukerort plays twelve simultaneous blindfold games of chess. President Lincoln's body placed more securely at Springfield, Ill. College presidents, at Boston, considered modern languages in college courses. D. L. & W. R. R. go into Trunk Pool. Bay gelding "Frank" trotted, with running mate, in 2:08.

ABOUT TOWN.

Miss Susie McIntosh arrived home on Wednesday from her trip abroad.

Miss Ida Linder is spending a few weeks with relatives in Baltimore.

The furniture of J. W. Brereton's store was sold at auction, and his business closed out, on Thursday. He will locate in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Mr. John Whalan and Miss Anna Laycock were married in the Church of the Sacred Heart on Thursday at 8:30 A. M., by Father Nardiello.

On Tuesday a horse walked into the water-pipe trench near Race Street. The opening being very narrow, it was with much difficulty that the animal was extracted.

The last of the Park M. E. Church course of lectures will be delivered on Friday evening of next week by Rev. Dr. Fowler, of New York. His subject is "Great Deeds of Great Men."

Parties wishing to go to points west of Roseville hereafter, in the morning train, can take the through mail train West at Roseville. Excursion tickets to all stations on M. & E. Div. can be purchased at that station.

The M. E. Sunday-school held their annual anniversary exercises in the church last Sunday evening. An address by Dr. Stobbert was highly appreciated; appropriate exercises by the children also added to the pleasure of the evening.

It is authoritatively stated that an express train is to run on our branch of the M. & E. R. R. It will leave Montclair about 8:25 A. M., New York about 5 o'clock P. M., passing through Newark without stopping.

A dramatic entertainment has been arranged for Union Hall on Thanksgiving night. The programme will contain a drama called "The Irish Tutor," and a farce named "Box and Cox." The entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Young Men's Catholic Union.

Library Hall will probably be filled to its utmost capacity on next Wednesday evening; it is said that a larger number of tickets have been sold for Burbank's entertainment, under the auspices of Excelsior Lodge K. of H., than for any previous affair in the hall. A large number of gifts have been contributed within the last few days.

About 10 A. M. on Wednesday, Mr. Oliver, janitor of the public school building, was called to assist in quenching a slight fire in the house occupied by Mr. Vandewerke on Belleville avenue. The soot in the

chimney had ignited and fallen to the base of the fireplace; it was this that was burning. With a few pails of water it was put out, but at about noon the janitor discovered that the fire had again broken out in the same room, and, hastening to the building, found the whole mantle-piece burning. It was only his hard work for some moments that prevented a serious conflagration.

—Mr. A. P. Burbank, who is to appear in the entertainment given by the Knights of Honor, on the 21st inst., is a most capital elocutionist. In his actual mastery of the art he is probably unsurpassed for range and variety. Few can go from gay to grave, and from grave to pathetic, and from pathetic to side-splitting humor, as he can. He should have a full house.

—Mr. Wm. A. Collins, Superintendent of the Russian branch of the Morris & Cummings Dredging Company, arrived home during the past week. With his return the foreign work of this firm comes to an end. Their machinery has been disposed of by sale or shipment home. Mr. Collins will remain in the employ of the company, who are engaged in large contracts in and about New York.

—Our associate, Mr. Joseph B. Maxwell, has been seriously ill with pneumonia, and we have missed his pen and his co-operation for two or three weeks. We are glad to report him as improving. Dr. Richards' absence in Europe, whence he has just returned, has also shortened the editorial facilities; but as there are no lazy men about the CITIZEN, we have doubled up on the survivors and kept the machine at the regular stroke. All the same, we are happy to get the old hands back at their desks.

B. F. A. Items.

—Mr. J. P. Scherff is evidently a friend of the boys. To take charge of the sale of 600 or more seats is a good big job. We won't forget J. P.

—Three lamp explosions in ten days. Essex was not called out, however. Good oil is cheap, therefore do not buy poor.

—The Clerk "tumbled" the other night in the Hall, owing to the breaking of a step-ladder. Some of the boys say it's the first time he ever tumbled, but this is a base slander.

—The "boys" would all like to see a little more strictness and discipline exhibited by our respected and worthy Foreman and Assistant Foreman. They are "way up," but we can stand more.

—One of the House Committee was on hand one night this week to light up. Such a strict attention to duty will immensely relieve the Y. E's.

—The Clerk is out again after the month's dues. The disgusting regularity with which pay-day comes around makes some of us weary. Ten cents a month is a heavy tax.

—"Honor to whom honor is due." To Mr. R. L. Newton belongs the credit of drilling the firemen. There were no professional men on the stage. All were amateurs, and all helped without remuneration.

—The alarm tire is now in the D. L. & W. R. R. Co.'s freight house, and money is wanted to put up a frame to hold it. Where is the public-spirited citizen who is going to put his hand in his pocket to help us erect this much needed general alarm?

—The Secretary of the B. F. A. wants it understood that his is a labor of love, and not a penny does he receive for his trouble; therefore those who complain because he does not go two or three miles out of his way to collect dues would do a great deal better by sending the money to him.

—It has been a source of wonder to many why the Truck House clock should vary so much in time, but the truth is that every man in the company who owns a watch sets the clock by his own time-piece. It would take more than a common plebeian timepiece to keep correct time under such circumstances. The Clerk should see that the clock is secured against such kind intentions.

—For the absentees who never show up we would state that we have various games for their amusement in the Truck House, comprising dominoes, checkers, chess, cribbage, etc., and if muscular exercise is desired, boxing-gloves, brooms, scrubbing-brushes, soap, etc. Moreover, the truck is always there, with a large quantity of bright material which cannot be polished too much.

—The Rev. Mr. Lowrie, and the officers of the Park M. E. Church, very kindly sent to the members of the Truck Company fifty tickets for Dr. Henderson's lecture last Monday evening. The tickets were accompanied by a very kind and flattering letter from Mr. Lowrie, expressing his high appreciation of the good work that has been done in organizing for the protection of life and property in Bloomfield.

—After the minstrel entertainment was over the other night the boys adjourned to the Truck House to "see it out," and of course had a good deal of fun. Will Langstroth gave us the old stand-by, "74." John Chambers told us about his "Hannah." C. B. Bourne gave the assembled company a gymnastic ex-

hibition on the table. The worthy Assistant Foreman then received three cheers and a tiger and a call for a speech, but his feelings were such that he was unable to say a word. He did his part, however, by dancing a breakdown. It was a wonder he didn't break down the building. The Clerk then said he was sorry not to be able to do much for the boys, but would endeavor to provide refreshments, and forthwith brought out the pie made on the stage by Auntie. Nobody was hungry, so the pie went out the back door. Then the new cry of the Essex boys was given, viz.: "Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah! E-S-S-E-X, Essex, No. 1. Tiger, Fizz, Boom, Ah!" "Auld Lang Syne" was sung and the boys departed.

—Some of our boys evidently consider the Truck House a big cuspidor, and that the little cuspidors are for ornaments only. They remind us of the old sea captain who had occasion one day to visit his shipping merchant's house. Not being in a particular hurry, he sat in the tobacco juice on the carpet; his host put a spittoon before him as a hint, but the old sea dog spat all around it for a time, finally exclaiming: "If you don't take that thing away I'll be spitting in it soon." E-S-E-X ONE.

Montclair Squads.

—Miss Belle Bovee's entertainment on Tuesday evening was fairly attended. Those present enjoyed a rich treat.

—The Presbyterian Church chapel is rapidly approaching completion. It will be an ornament to Church street, which is being built up with fine residences.

—The new standard of time will be adopted on the D. L. & W. R. R. on Monday, Nov. 19, at 10 A. M. After that date the engineers and conductors are ordered to obtain the correct time and run trains on this new standard.

—The next meeting of the Literary will be held at Congregational Church chapel Monday, Nov. 19. Subject: "Poets and Poetry of our Civil War." The essayist will be Mr. John R. Howard, and a rich treat is promised all who can come.

FIREGRAPHS.

—Dame Rumor says that the "Hooks" will soon have their building begun, as she says that the Town Committee have already "selected the site, and are busy effecting its purchase." So note it be.

—Montclair was well represented at Library Hall on Wednesday evening, and enjoyed the Essex entertainment. The members of "Montclair" who were present speak very highly of the program, and especially congratulate "Essex" on the "Firemen's Parade." If Essex appears as well at the Montclair parade, they will carry off not only the cake but the entire bakery.

—It is expected that Battalion Chief Rowe and assistants of the N. Y. Fire Department, the chief and assistants of the Orange, East Orange and Newark Departments, Fred Pierce of the "Fireman's Herald," and one of the editors of the CITIZEN will be among the guests at the reception. Many of the citizens have already signified their intention to illuminate and decorate their residences. Many offers of money have been made, but as the Hooks pay all expenses, have been declined with thanks. The people have donated provisions liberally, and the committee of ladies who have charge of the supper are busily at work perfecting their plans.

At the regular November meeting of the Montclair H. & L. Co., No. 1, held at Township Committee rooms, it was unanimously resolved to celebrate the anniversary of the formation of the company. The arrangements made include the reception of Essex No. 1 officers of the B. F. A. and Bloomfield's Town Committee, on Bloomfield Avenue, near the Telephone Central Office, then a parade through the principal streets, full programme of which will be published in the CITIZEN next week. After the parade, a collation will be served in Montclair Hall, when the subscribers to the Montclair Company, and other invited guests will receive the Companies. Vose's First New Jersey Regiment Band, of Newark, will furnish the music for parade and reception. It is hoped that short speeches will be delivered, and perhaps Essex Quartette will give some of their songs.

Meeting of the School Trustees.

The School Trustees held their regular monthly meeting on Friday evening. After the reading of the minutes the following bills were paid:

R. M. Stiles, wood	\$12 00
J. J. Broughton, books	2 79
Richards & Co., chemicals and apparatus	92 01
J. B. Dunbar, expressage, repairs, etc.	7 25
Biglow & Main, singing books	35 76
Geistly Bruet, cleaning outouses	24 00

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to draw an order for \$230.00 on the account of mortgage on school lot on Liberty Street.

On recommendation of the Teachers' Committee an extra compensation of \$75 was voted to Miss E. B. Whipple for teaching a portion of the third grammar class. The Committee on Supplies were directed to procure from the State Superintendent three copies of his new map of New Jersey for use in the primary schools.

The report of J. B. Dunbar is as follows: The entire enrollment of the school for the four weeks ending Friday, Oct. 26, was 841, with an average attendance of 713, or 85 per cent. The total of half-day absences was 2,914, all of which were accounted for except 27, which were truancies. There has been no unusual sickness except in the fourth and fifth grades at the Center Primary, and in the fourth class at Berkeley. In these classes colds and whooping-cough have considerably reduced the attendance. In the primary classes the work done during the month has been quite good; in some classes remarkably good. In the grammar department the work may also be counted good. The amount of work now required of the pupils in the high school and first and second grammar classes seems on trial to be all they can do well in the time allowed. In the lower grammar classes, and also in the primary classes, in at least a part of the studies it is believed that some enlargement may yet be made. As fast as

opportunity offers the teachers are quietly endeavoring to make such advances.

A comparative statement of the studies in the school might be made about as follows: Reading and spelling very good; writing very poor; arithmetic good; language very good; geography fair; history good. In writing a special effort is now making for improvement. On consultation with the teachers it has been thought best to change from front to side positions. The make of the desk does not seem to admit of any other being used to advantage. In connection with language lessons frequent exercises in composition are had, in order to familiarize the pupils with habits of full statements and correct expressions, and with good results.

The exercises in singing in the primary and grammar classes are in the main eliciting much interest on the part of the children, and considerable progress is noticeable. In the high school probably not much can be accomplished, as most of the pupils have until now been unacquainted with music or singing.

The New Standard Time.

To-morrow, Sunday, the 18th, is the date fixed for making the proposed changes in the standard time. These standards will be designated as Eastern time, Atlantic time, Valley time (Mississippi Valley), Mountain time (Rocky Mountain region), and Pacific time. "Atlantic time," in which we are more especially interested, will be the standard in the geographical section, extending from Maine to Florida, and from Ohio and the lower lakes to Alabama; this Atlantic time will be three minutes slower than the present standard New York time. All watches and clocks should therefore to-morrow be set back three minutes if they are now running exactly with the Western Union time ball.

The Westminster Course.

The opening evening of the Westminster Lyceum course amply filled the expectations of an audience which occupied every available seat in the house. The Weber Quartette, which gave the entertainment, consists of Messrs. Keyes and Drew, and Simms and Macy, basses. Their voices are well-trained and well-balanced, and Miss Budworth, their accompanist, sustained the solos and part-songs well. Otherwise the club sang without the instrument.

The rendering of the "Artillerist's Oath" was slightly disappointing, owing to the first tenor's forcing of his voice, but this he fully redeemed later on in the programme, his solo, "What are They to Do?" being justly encored. The good old trio, "Dame Durden," was as satisfactory as possible, and Messrs. Drew and Simms displayed excellent vocalization in Balfe's "Excelsior." Similarly the Quartette version of "Annie Laurie" was praiseworthy as vocal work, but it was unsatisfactory to those who prefer the simple, touching melody of the familiar song. The encore to his "Oh, Where is My Highland Laddie Gone" was far better in this particular.

The best finished work of the evening was the airy and difficult "Three Chasers," sung as an encore, and the somewhat similar "Chaffer and the Flower," both of which were given with spirit and taste. Mr. Macy's "Will it Be the Wisp," a strong and good basso solo, but it did not secure the same popularity as his buffo version of "Simon the Cellarer." In fact it is as a buffo singer that he has fully as much success as in his more solid numbers. Old Simon—ancient and outworn as he is—came to us fresh as a daisy and as pleasant and mellow as possible; really he was completely rejuvenated.

Mr. Jas. S. Burdett proved upon more familiar acquaintance to be a fellow of infinite jest. He has a pleasant natural manner, great powers of imitation of a somewhat peculiar sort, and as queer and original a method as one can often meet. He has scarcely the voice for a highly finished elocutionist, but he has the art of entertaining beyond any ordinary imitator. His numbers were heartily encored, and he gave Mark Twain's telephone sketch, "Mr. Murphy's Soiree," and a series of "Thatcher stories," with great gusto and neatness. The amount of absolute hearty laughter which these things are capable of evoking cannot be placed in type or on paper, and we do not need to attempt it. It is enough that he is as genial and pleasant an entertainer as is often met.

The whole programme, while it had not more than a few particulars in which it soared into the regions of high art, nevertheless did not descend into anything coarse and low at the opposite extreme. Fault from which more celebrated performers do not always seem to be free. Our criticism, based upon the evident appreciation of the audience, is that the entertainment was a success in itself, as it certainly was financially.

"He Laughs Well Who Laughs Last." To the Bloomfield Citizen:

"The difference in feeling displayed by one of our Glen Ridge men on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning was somewhat laughable. Hudson county's 1,000 men were a majority finished him on Tuesday P. M."

The foregoing appeared in your issue of the 10th inst., and as you recently very kindly expressed in your columns your intention of publishing communications from the Democrats of Bloomfield, I trust what I offer in answer to the above item will merit your notice. As a literary effort, the article under consideration deserves no special comment; and, if intended as a witticism, certainly Burdette need not fear a rival in its author.

As two staunch Glen Ridge Democrats, Mr. David A. Beam and myself, entered the sacred precincts of the B. F. A. truck house on the evening of the 6th, to ascertain the result of the election through the "private wires" of said organization, it is safe to assume that the foregoing article was intended to hit the bald head of either Mr. Beam or myself; but, thanks to craniums of stout material, it has failed to make any very serious impression. Our entrance was hailed with evident delight by our Republican brethren, and the ovation was most marked; so much so, in fact, as to inspire us, we certainly, with still greater regard for them. Dixon, it was currently reported, had received a handsome majority over the much assailed and abused Abbett, the tide had turned in favor of Republicanism in this State, and Dixon's election was the result of a "still hunt."

Such language greeted my ears from

many sides, but I now say emphatically to those Republican friends that they will find it a most unceasing hunt to wrest the power in this State from the Democrats, and many will be hoary-headed who now are young, and yet they will be "still hunt-ing" for this *ignis fatuus* of the Republican party. The telegram so conspicuously displayed on that occasion, giving the Democratic nominee 1,000 majority in Hudson county, and which, according to your contributor, "finished" either Mr. Beam or myself, possessed one recommendation, viz.: originality, as I seriously question whether any place outside of Bloomfield was so honored, nothing from Hudson County having been received in Newark up to midnight.

The enthusiasm caused by the receipt of this telegram, the "only and genuine" one, direct to the B. F. A. through great courtesy, was intensified by the appearance of a heroic band of Spartans who came proudly and grandly down the street with Bloomfield's heavy ordinance to speak in thundering tones of the great victory achieved by the Republicans in New Jersey. The gun, alas! is silent, silent as the tomb, and has not as yet given utterance to its pent-up feelings and eloquence, and I believe is safely and securely stored away till * * * needed. Quite a few of the Republicans present retired to their respective homes thoroughly convinced and satisfied of Dixon's success. The Hudson County dispatch acted as an opiate so soothing to their weak and shattered nerves, that they slept the sleep of infancy, free from the cares and vicissitudes of life, heedless of the morrow's maturing obligations, and satisfied that they had done so nobly and well in the battle of the hour. Their sleep was certainly to be envied, but, alas! the awakening was equally to be deplored. When they eagerly pored over the authentic news in the morning, the truth dawned upon their minds that the telegram which had so consoled them was a bogus one and a myth. It was then they exclaimed in the language of Congreve:

"O sleep, why dost thou leave me?"

Why thy visionary joys remove?"

Why did your contributor refer to a poor benighted and misguided Democrat of Glen Ridge as having "displayed a difference in feeling," when so many of his own ilk were suffering most severely that Wednesday morning from a similar complaint, only in a more aggravated form? Is the "difference" in feeling in a Democrat from uncertainty, caused in a great measure by a bogus telegram, to that of certainty, to be condemned by one who experienced the opposite change. If so, I fail to see the application. Truly consolation for me is found in the words of Pope:

"Laugh at your friends, and, if your friends are sore,
So much the better, you may laugh the more."

JAMES L. WALSH.

Glen Ridge, N. J., Nov. 14, 1883.

Centre Book Club.

The list of the Centre Book Club is in print. The selections made by the Committee are deserving of high commendation. Perhaps it is safe to say the ladies have never done their work with what will prove so decided satisfaction to the members of the club. An unavoidable delay in the distribution of the books has been caused by the wish to include certain new publications but just out of the printers' hands. It is expected that the books will be delivered to-day.

The Amateur Minstrels.

The boys of "Essex No. 1" gave their long expected entertainment in Library Hall on Wednesday evening. The audience was highly flattering in quantity and quality—in fact, we do not recall a finer or larger one for months past. The Committee were Messrs. John Chambers, L. K. Dodd, F. W. Langstroth, Jr., and C. D. M. Deele. "Bones" was Mr. Nelson Hayes; "Tambo," Mr. John Chambers, and the interloquutory parts were taken by that versatile genius, Mr. R. L. Newton. Mr. W. B. Chambers acted as stage manager; J. Horner was the costumer, and "our own" Rassback furnished the chrysanthemums and other flowers.

The burnt-cork gentlemen had the satisfactory appearance of true Senegambians, to which Mr. Hayes contributed an extra touch by exhibiting at the proper point an immense razor. The quartette numbers were given by Messrs. B. T. Barnes, Charles Foster, John Knapp and W. H. McCully, and were excellently rendered. The fearful character of some of the gentlemen's mouths and the peculiar white of their eyes were true to the best of (colored) nature.

The grand "Symphony Concert"—in which Mr. Nelson appeared as Mlle. Solihg—was a wonder and a joy. The immense tin horns were thoroughly frantie, and the finale, in which the eccentric Hayes closed down with his paper sheet drawn upon prima donna, eked out our descriptive powers. In "Rehearsing for the Party," Messrs. Pinchbeck and Johnson furnished banjo music and limber-jointed performances which would entitle them to a place among professionals without extra pains, their duets being exceptionally good.

We can say the some of "Baking Day," where Mr. E. Roehner, as Arabella, prepared some of the toughest pie crust we ever saw kneaded, and Mr. Newton, as Philander, ate it, that is, he was supposed to eat it, but we doubt the pie, for it was evidently enjoyable. The marching of "the boys" was the last feature of the entertainment; the Assistant Foreman, Mr. Jenkins, rearing his gigantic figure with grace and enthusiasm before the audience, and marshalling his squad in some thoroughly creditable maneuvers. Everybody went home happy except the Montclair Hooks, who were heard to mutter that they'd see, they'd see; so we shall expect them to beat it, if they can.

Ballots.

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we cast no ballots this week.

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